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NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN PUNE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request/proposal for opening of new telephone exchange at West part of Rajgurunagar at Pune in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the BSNL to provide telephone connections to clear the waiting list in the existing telephone exchanges of Western part of Rajgurunagar Taluka in Pune?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes Sir, there is a request for opening of new Telephone Exchanges at Chikhalgaon and Dehane in the Western part of Rajgurunagar at Pune.

(b) As per BSNL guidelines for opening of new telephone exchanges, waiting list should be more than 150 within a radius of 5 KMs. Since no village in Western part of Rajgurunagar at Pune satisfies this criteria, no new exchange is proposed for opening.

(c) CDMA BTS of 750 lines each are installed at Rajgurunagar and Chakan which covers part of Rajgurunagar. It is also proposed to install One CDMA BTS at Taleghar in Manchar SDCA to cover some portion of Western part of Rajgurunagar. There is a scattered waiting list of 199 in the Western part of Rajgurunagar Taluka in Pune. It is proposed to clear most of the waiting list progressively through WLL technology by March, 2006.